

**Big Lake Trails Inc.**  
**Membership Meeting**  
**August 14, 2009**

Call to order was at 7:00 pm. Board members present tonight was Dan Mayfield, Dan Kruse, Todd Rinaldi, Kathy Mayfield, Margaret Billinger

Member: Jonathan Kruse, Gerald Billinger, Pierre Strong, Judy Strong, Scott Lapiene.

Approval of June 12, 2009 minutes motion was made by Dan Kruse, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Todd Rinaldi.

Treasurers Report was given by Dan Mayfield. Treasure will be moving Big Lake soon and be attending meetings.

- a. Account balance
- b. Iron Dog: \$5,976.12
- c. General Fund/grooming: \$1,221.21
- d. Contributors for matching funds for the amount of \$915.90. Those contributors were Chris & Karen Peterson's, Wayne & Eileen Stackhouse, Doug & Sharon Smole, Big Lake Community Council, Mike & Judy Hollinger, Dan Grace Kruse, Dan Mayfield, Kevin Berg.

#### Reports/Updates

Membership report: No new membership at this time. A complaint from Steve Yarnot was addressed by Dan Mayfield. (Attachment A his complaint, attachment B the result).

Borough Report – Easements: Bruce Paulsen offered help in identifying property owners involving non easements areas. The borough is continuing to work on historical trails. Gerard and Viki are to look into 4 wheel trails and BMX motor cross trails to get people off the blacktop bike and walking trails. (Contact student BMX group) Todd Rinaldi Endurance bike trails. There was also the introduction of Scott Lapiene of Mat-Su Trails.

#### Old Business

Iron Dog Restoration project status: We have solicited the grants for the Iron Dog Restoration project and are waiting on permits. Those permits are for crossing frozen lakes and streams and crossing land. Also addressed are the DHR overland equipment under 10,000 lbs. and HDFG habitat stream crossing

Dan Mayfield will be sending a letter of intent to Teri Zell at State Parks for recreational trails, involving the SnoTrac Grant, we will need a 25% matching amount. Dan Kruse stated MAT-SU Trails is attempting to purchase (2) piston-bully groomers (SnowTrac) from Hela-Scheem of Valdez. Scott Lapiene asked Big Lake Trails for a letter of support for Mat-Su Trails to purchase these. One of the groomers would be housed in Flat Lat area, Big Lake and somewhere else in the Valley. The Snow Trac Meeting will be Aug 27-28, 2009.

New Business:

Trail Grooming 2009-2010 Winter Season was discussed under old business. Linda Brenner from the borough should be advised of our new venture with the Big Lake Community Council and winter grooming of our trails.

The engagement of local merchants and fundraising was addressed by Dan Mayfield where he discussed asking Ina Mueller to conduct fundraising with her receiving 20% of funds brought in. Ina has not responded at this point. Gaming licensing and PFD donations were discussed, Todd Rinaldi nominated himself to look into a raffle. Motion made by Kathy Mayfield, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dan Kruse that this be done. Dan Mayfield and Monica need to update brochure and new membership packet. There is hope to do something for the Chili Cook-off Fall Festival on September 13, 2009. Margaret will look into using the Chamber raffle permit, reporting to Todd ASAP.

Executive Board Meetings are being tabled at this time.

Announcements:

Matsu Motor Musher Cabin flagged by DNR for destruction, (the other side of Purchase Creek) Rep Neuman is bringing DNR out for a meeting. Cost now is \$500.00 and fire insurance. They may solicit current using clubs for assistance. Willow Trails did brush mowing on the Big Su.

Motion to adjourn by Kathy Mayfield 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dan Kruse carried. Meeting time 1.50 hrs.

Respectfully,

Monica Thomas  
Secretary